

From: James Spring
Sent: Wednesday, 26 May 2010 10:25 PM
To: Committees
Subject: SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO LIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dear Ms Porter

Thank you for opportunity of input into the inquiry into live community events in the ACT. As a Canberra resident of over 20 years, I would like to pose opposition to unnecessary over regulation of live music in Canberra.

As a Canberra resident passionate about cultural events, I would like to pose opposition to any unnecessary and unfair limitations to Canberra's already struggling music scene. The Canberra live music scene is one with great potential, a potential that has unfortunately been dampened by the loss of several of its venues, such as Toast. Today venues such as Transit Bar support the local music scene by giving our local bands a stage to play on, and bringing in inter-state and international music acts. A thriving music scene not only has benefits for musicians and music lovers, but also the economy.

Unfortunately with a thriving music scene comes noise. By choosing the live in the city, you are making the choice to live in the heart of Canberra's exciting nightlife. It is therefore, the responsibility of the residents and their body corporates to have soundproofing installed or understand that with living in an urban environment comes noise.

Regards

James Spring